VOLUNTEERISM IN MANITOBA

2014 TO 2036

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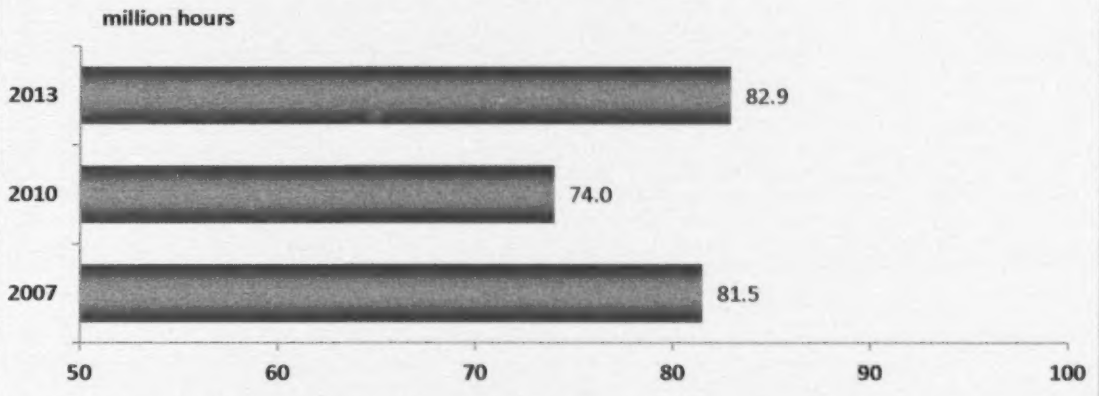
Volunteerism in Manitoba: 2007, 2010 and 2013

Total annual volunteer hours in million hours

Based on information from Statistics Canada, the total annual volunteer hours in Manitoba rose from 81.5 million in 2007 to 82.9 million in 2013. On this basis, annual volunteer hours increased by 1.7% over the six year period. The total annual volunteer hours in Manitoba fell by 7.5 million from 81.5 million in 2007 to 74.0 million in 2010. Over the three years, from 2010 to 2013, annual volunteer hours increased by 8.9 million.

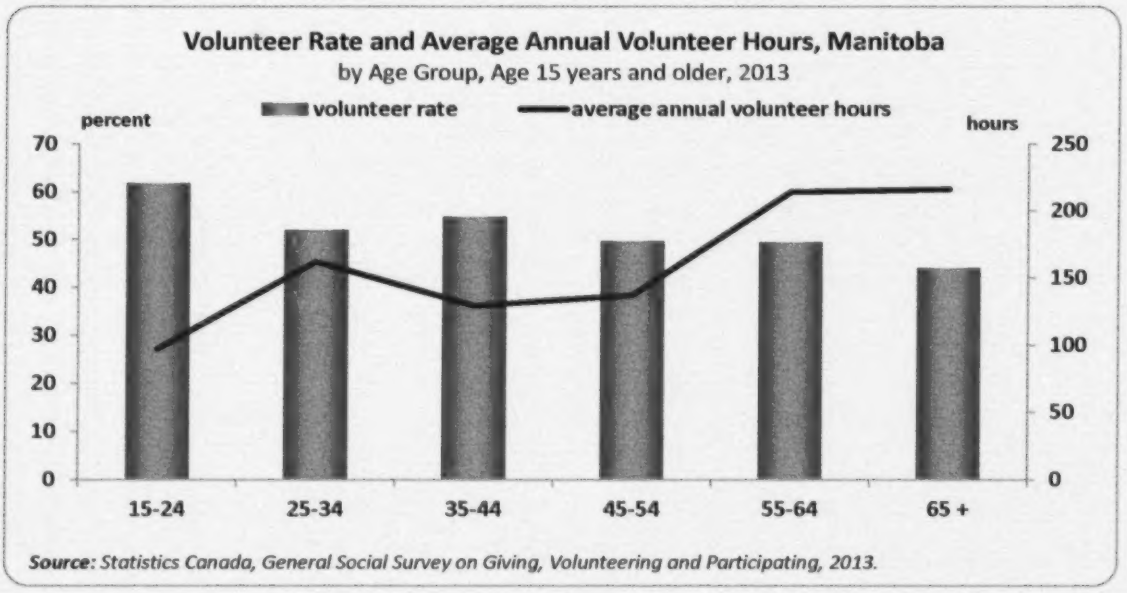
Total Annual Volunteer Hours, Manitoba
Age 15 years and older; 2007, 2010 and 2013



Sources: *Statistics Canada; General Social Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2013; The Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2007 and 2010.*

At the Canada level, the total annual volunteer hours decreased by more than 5% over the same period.

While the likelihood of volunteering in Manitoba generally decreases with age, the hours volunteered display the opposite pattern. The average annual hours volunteered were highest among older volunteers and lowest among youths (15-24 year old) and middle-aged (35-54 year old) volunteers. On average, volunteers aged 65 years and older devoted the most hours, at 216 hours annually. This was followed by those aged 55 to 64 at 214 hours. The average annual volunteer hours recorded by the youths and middle-aged volunteers were 97 and 129, respectively.



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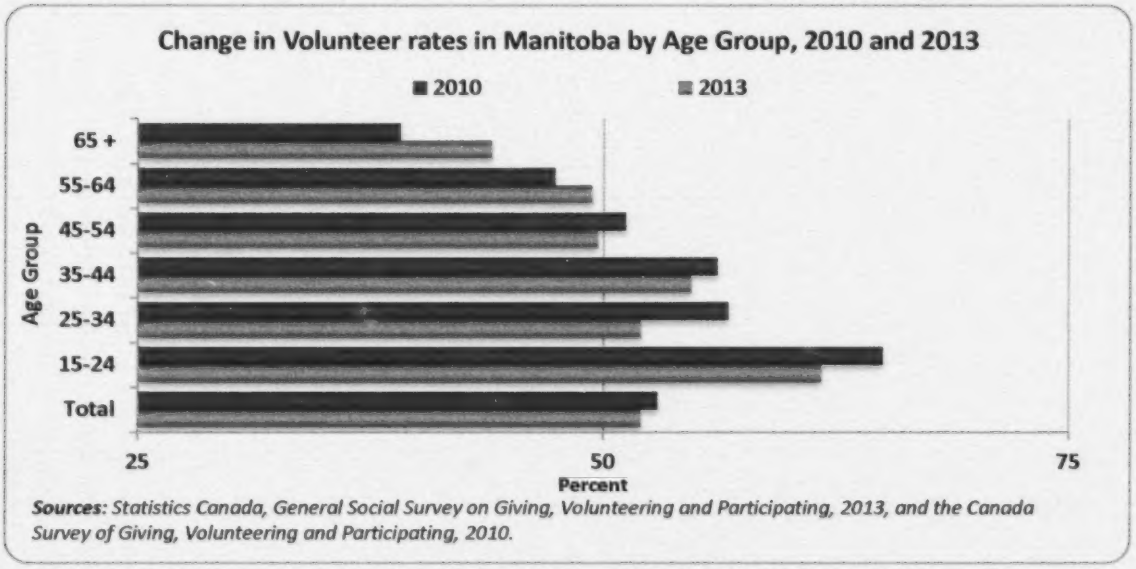

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In Manitoba, volunteer rates for all age groups under 55 years old decreased from 2010 to 2013. The biggest drop was in the 25-34 year-old group, fell 4.7 percentage points over the three years, from 56.7% to 52.0%. The smallest drop was in the 35-44 year-old group, a fall of 1.4 percentage points from 2010 to 2013. These decreases contributed to the overall drop in the volunteer rate of the province over this three-year period.

In 2013, volunteer rates for age group 65 years and older increased by 4.9 percentage points from 2010. This was followed by the age group 55-64 by two percentage points.

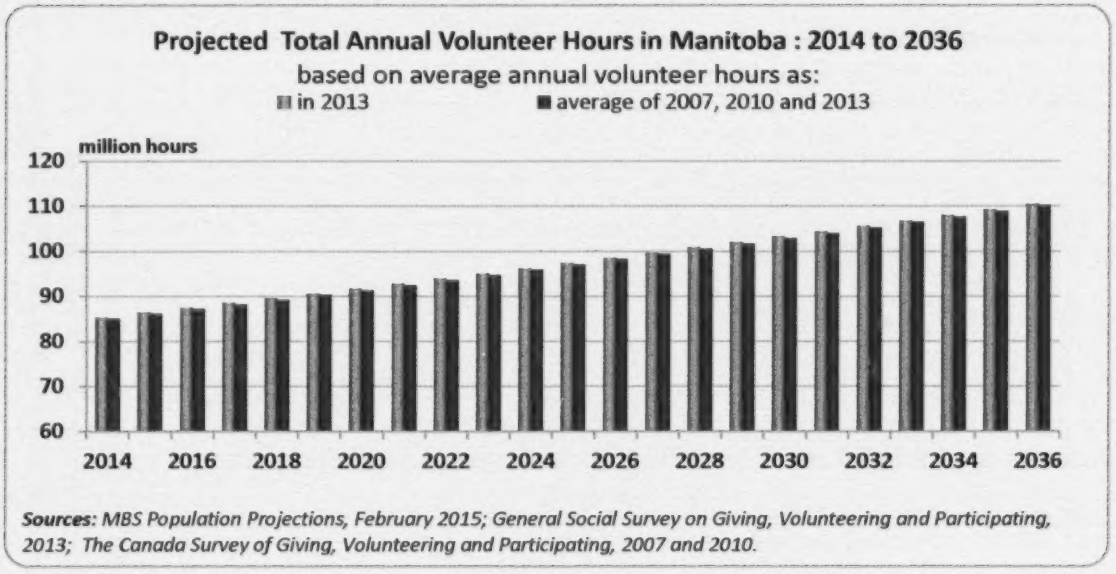
Average annual volunteer hours in the 35-44 and 45-54 age groups decreased over three-year period, from 2010 to 2013. Rest of the age groups experienced an increase in average annual volunteer hours during the same period. The largest gain was in the 55-64 year-old group, increased by 63 volunteer hours, from 151 in 2010 to 214 in 2013. This was followed by the age group 65 years and older, rose by 32 hours over the three-year period. The increase of average annual volunteer hours in the 15-24 and 25-34 age groups were 28 hours and 18 hours, respectively.

Projecting Annual Volunteer hours in Manitoba to 2036

Projecting total annual volunteer hours to 2036

As a preliminary line of analysis, two approaches were used to project total annual volunteer hours at the provincial level from 2014 to 2036.

The first supposes that average annual volunteer hours by age group remain at 2013 levels through 2036, as well as the share of volunteers by age group. The second approach uses the levels obtained by averaging the years 2007, 2010 and 2013. For both approaches, any change in total volunteer hours relates to projected population growth and ageing only.



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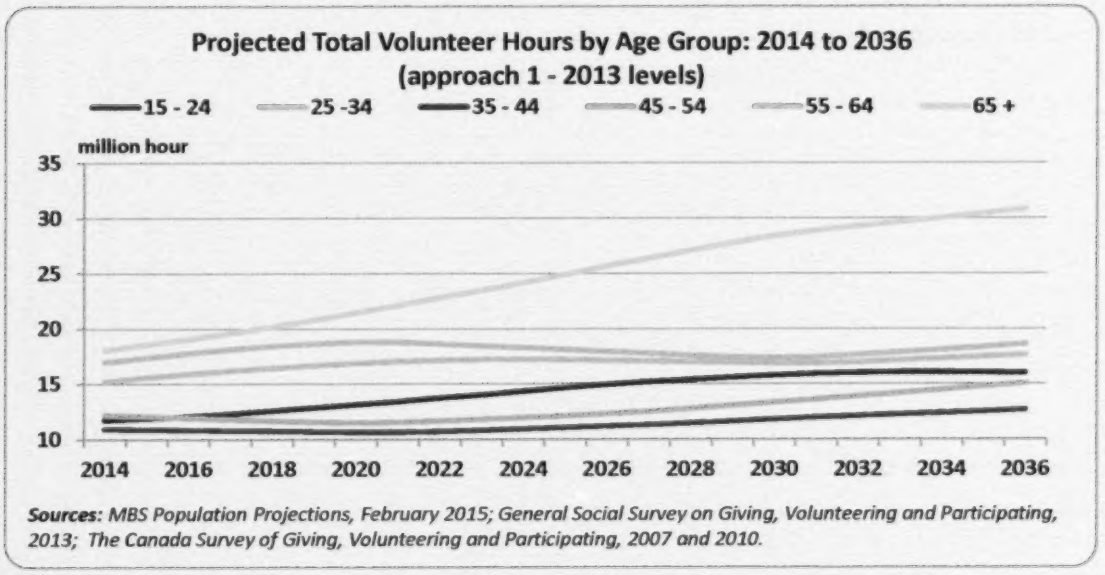
Using 2013 levels (approach 1), total volunteer hours increase by more than 32%, from 82.9 million hours in 2013 to 110.3 million hours in 2036. If average annual volunteer hours per person were a bit lower, as in the second approach, total volunteer hours would increase by 27.1 million hours from the 2013 level to 110.0 million hours in 2036.

Projecting total volunteer hours by Age Group to 2036

For both approaches, growth in total volunteer hours by age group varies substantially but the overall trend is similar between them. For example, total volunteer hours for persons 65 years and older are expected to increase in both scenarios while total volunteer hours for individuals in the 35-44 year-old group are projects expected increase until final year of projection. For individuals in the 15-24 and 45-54 year-old groups total volunteer hours are expected to begin to increase in 2022 and in 2021, respectively. Total volunteer hours for persons in the 25-34 and 55-64 age groups are expected to observe a brief decline mid-projection. The following figures display the expected trends for each age group and approach.



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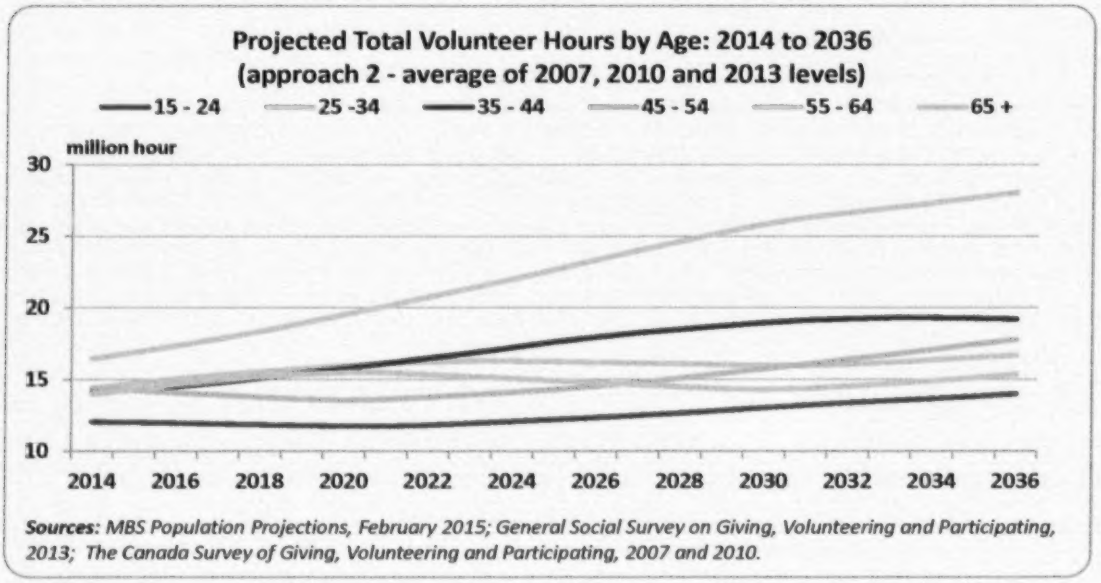

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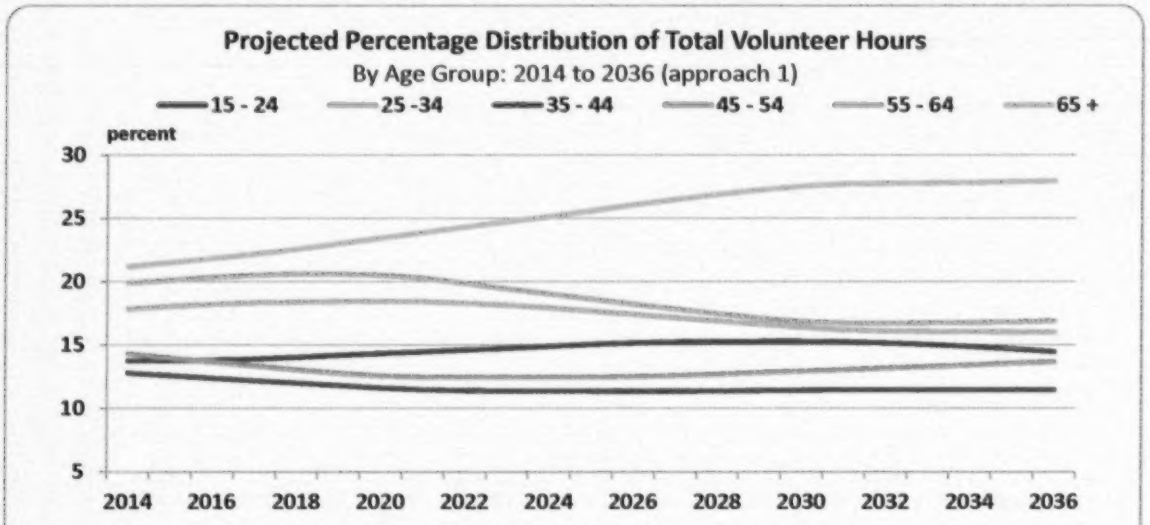
Overall, total volunteer hours are expected to grow based on increasing numbers of older individuals who in general contribute more volunteer hours than younger persons.



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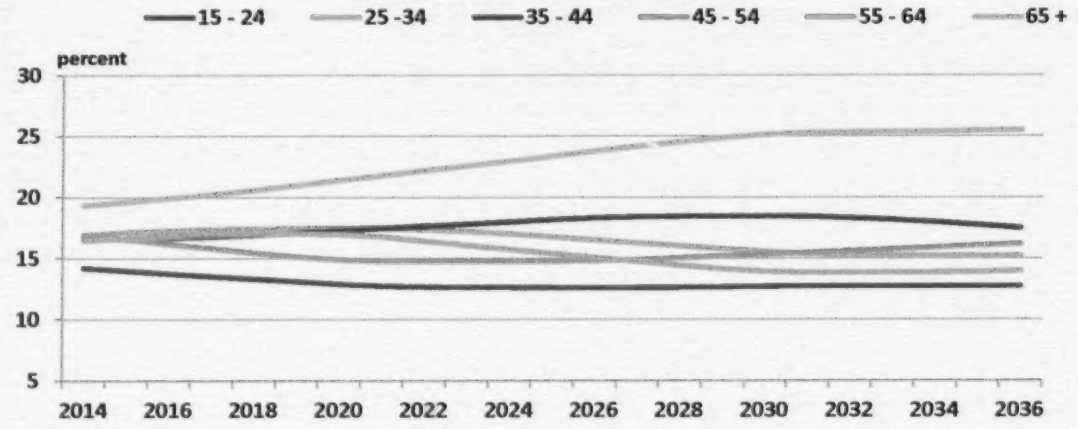
Projected Percentage Distribution of Total Volunteer Hours

By Age Group: 2014 to 2036 (approach 2)



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